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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

8 Plaintiff,

9 v.

10 MELANIE J. CHRISTOPHERSON,

11 Defendant.

NO: 2:14-CR-0168-TOR-3

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S
MOTION TO MODIFY CONDITIONS
OF RELEASE

12 BEFORE THE COURT are Defendant's Motion to Modify Conditions of
13 Release (ECF No. 822) and Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 823). The matter was
14 submitted for consideration without oral argument. The Court has reviewed the
15 motions and the file therein and is fully informed. On February 27, 2015,
16 Defendant appeared before the Court and entered a guilty plea to Conspiracy to
17 Commit Bank Fraud. At the hearing, the Court continued Defendant on the
18 previously imposed conditions of release pending her sentencing hearing set for
19 October 6, 2015. Pursuant to those conditions of release, Defendant is not
20 permitted to have contact with known felons (ECF No. 290). Defendant now

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1 moves the Court to modify that condition of release to allow her to visit her
2 husband, a known felon, who is currently incarcerated at the Spokane County jail
3 but may be moved to another facility in the near future. In her motion, Defendant
4 states the United States Probation Office does not oppose the request. The
5 government advises the Court it opposes the request but has not filed a response
6 indicating its formal opposition. For good cause shown, the Court will allow
7 Defendant one visit with her husband before he is moved to a facility outside the
8 Eastern District of Washington.

9 ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

10 1. Defendant's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release (ECF No. 822) and
11 Motion to Expedite (ECF No. 823) are **GRANTED**.

12 2. Defendant's conditions of release shall be modified to allow her one visit
13 with her husband, Dwayne Christopherson, at any detention facility located within
14 the Eastern District of Washington prior to his transfer outside the district.

15 3. Defendant shall coordinate the visit with her United States Probation
16 Officer.

17 3. All other conditions of release remain in effect.
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1 The District Court Executive is hereby directed to enter this Order and
2 furnish copies to counsel.

3 **DATED** June 15, 2015.



Thomas O. Rice
THOMAS O. RICE
United States District Judge